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This liaison statement answers [SCV-LS31](https://www.itu.int/ifa/t/2017/ls/scv/sp16-scv-oLS-00031.docx).

ITU-T SG3 gathered working definitions from work items for developing new ITU-T Recommendations and other deliverables mentioned between brackets:

1. **blockchain [Draft ITU-T TR\_DLTUSF (Q1/3)]**: An incorruptible digital ledger of economic transactions that can be programmed to record not just financial transactions but virtually everything of value.

**NOTE**: The definition of this term is by Don & Alex Tapscott, authors of “Blockchain Revolution” (2016).

2. **gross operating surplus** **[Draft ITU-T D.Licensing (Q3/3)]**: Also known as gross operating profit, the main wealth (after payment of all operating expenses, including staff expenses, but before amortization) derived over a given period from the company’s activities. It is the profit margin, also known as operating margin.

3. **cost of capital [Draft ITU-T D.Licensing (Q3/3)]**: An economic indicator representing the average annual rate of return expected by shareholders and creditors in return for their investment.

4. **purchasing power parity [Draft ITU-T D.Licensing (Q3/3)]**: A method used in economics to establish a comparison between countries with respect to the purchasing power of their national currencies – something that cannot be done solely on the basis of exchange rates.

5. **cable landing station [Draft ITU-T D.CompIIC (Q6/3)]**: A specified telecommunication building providing space, power security and first line support for connectivity to undersea cables.

6. **internet protocol (IP) transit [****Draft ITU-T D.CompIIC (Q6/3)]**: The business of providing internet access to the global internet whereby the Provider sells connectivity to the global Internet.

7. **relevant market [Draft ITU-T D.CompIIC (Q6/3)]**: The category/type of International Internet Connectivity (IIC) service provided and the geographic market in which it is provided.

8. **indefeasible right of use agreement major International Internet Connectivity (IIC) provider [Draft ITU-T D.CompIIC (Q6/3)]**: A provider of IIC services who has the ability to materially influence the terms and conditions of supply of IIC services in relating to prices and supply (quality of service) in the relevant market for IIC services.

9. **internet transit provider [Draft ITU-T D.CompIIC (Q6/3)]**: An entity that provides (usually sells) access to the Internet.

10. **service-level agreements (SLAs) [Draft ITU-T D.CompIIC (Q6/3)]**: Contracts with financial penalties for failure to meet specified service levels.

11. **internet peering [Draft ITU-T D.CompIIC (Q6/3)]**: The provision of direct paths for a subset of Internet traffic on a settlement free basis, with each side deriving about the same value from the reciprocal arrangement.

12. **international internet connectivity (IIC) facilities [Draft ITU-T D.CompIIC (Q6/3)]**: All facilities related to the provision of IIC including but not limited to Internet Protocol (IP) transport networks; Network Access Points (NAPs) cable landing stations, Internet Exchange Points among others.

13. **non-discriminatory [Draft ITU-T D.CompIIC (Q6/3)]**: Terms and conditions not less favourable than those accorded to any other like provider of International Internet Connectivity (IIC) services under like circumstances.

14. **rights and interests** **[Draft ITU-T STUDY\_TCST (Q6/3)]**: The various rights and interests pertaining to the trans-multi-country terrestrial cable transmission system enjoyed by each party, including the rights of using, transferring and selling transmission capacity, and the voting rights in the terrestrial cable sharing alliance.

15. **customer support service [Determined ITU-T D.1102 (D.ConsumerOTT) (Q9/3)]**: The assistance and advice provided by a company to those people who use its platform or services.

16. **media literacy [Determined ITU-T D.1102 (D.ConsumerOTT) (Q9/3)]**: The practices that allow people to access, critically evaluate, and create media.

17. **over-the-top (OTT) voice bypass** **[Draft ITU-T D.OTTBypass (Q9/3)]**: The redirecting of terminating traffic from legitimate mobile calls onto Over-the-Top applications.

18. **data subject [Draft ITU-T D.princip\_bigdata (Q11/3)]**: An individual relating to whom Personal identifiable information (PII) Data is being collected, stored or processed.

**NOTE**: The definition for this term already exists in ITU Terms and Definitions under normative ITU-T sources.

19. **interoperability** **[Draft ITU-T D.InteropCompetition (Q12/3)]**: A system that can bridge a financial transaction that runs on banks and on mobile also other providers by doing appropriate settlement process, so that digital/electronic transactions can be run in an accountable, transparent, effective and efficient.

**NOTE**: The definition for this term already exists in ITU Terms and Definitions under normative ITU-T sources.

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